

REMARKS

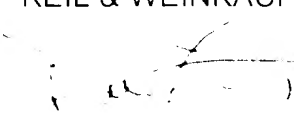
Applicants amend herein the present specification and claim 1 to more precisely and efficiently delineate the claimed invention. The amendments to the specification replace certain phrases with more accurate, though still equivalent, language. In amending claim 1, the word "strips" is a more accurate translation from the German than "beads," and more accurately reflects the drawings. It is respectfully asserted that no new matter has been introduced.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

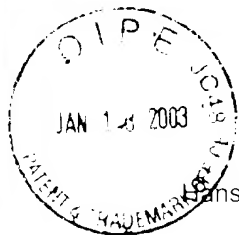
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the present specification, abstract and drawings (not claims) with the replacements appended hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. An elastic tape with transverse stiffening, comprising an elastic tape having a transverse stiffening strip which does not essentially hamper elasticity, wherein the transverse stiffening strip consists of a homogenous material which forms a solid connection with the surface of the elastic tape and has been applied in the form of strips [beads].